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THURSDAY, NOV. 26, 1896.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### Announcement to Merchants.

To the Merchants of Eastern North Carolina:

We announce that we are now ready to fill your orders for mattresses, having a large stock on hand, and all made in the latest Boston shape. We are the largest manufacturers in the State, and do claim to give you the best Double Cotton Top Mattress, in fancy and plain blue ticking, ever offered before. We have special freight arrangements to all points. Orders filled the day they are received. Order early, as they will be higher.

Very truly,  
Halifax, N. C. HALE BROS.

### Good Home For Rent.

The Miss Nina McDowell property in Greenwood on which Mrs. Raspberry now lives. Good house and garden. All in good repair. Six acres of land adjacent which will be rented with the house and garden, or separately. Also a small two-room house on corner of lot which may be rented separately from the other property.

Apply to editor of  
THE COMMONWEALTH.

### Notice.

Owing to the condition of my health and my inability to attend to my business matters, I have placed all my notes, accounts, and other business matters in the hands of Mr. W. A. Dunn. I will be glad if all of those who have unsettled matters with me will call on him immediately.

Nov. 17, '96. NOAH BIGGS.

### Bargains at Grady's.

When you go to Halifax call on L. G. Grady for anything you need in jewelry or repairing of watches and clocks. Also you can get the best bargains in Millinery there.

LOST—A pair of gold spectacles belonging to Anderson Mitchell. In case worn at the lower end. Finder may leave them with owner or at this office and will be paid for trouble.

### Cotton Seed Wanted.

I will pay highest cash prices for 15,000 Bushels of Cotton Seed. Also I have meat and hulls for sale cheap.

R. J. MADRY.  
Scotland Neck, N. C.

Full line of Warner's Corsets.  
N. B. JOSEY

Special Inducements offered on Dress Goods.  
N. B. JOSEY.

### A DANDY THING TO SELL.

I have been doing so well this summer selling combination dippers that I think it is my duty to tell others about it. I have not made as much money as some I read about, but I never make less than \$3, and \$5 a day; the dipper can be used as a fruit jar filler; a plain dipper; a fine strainer; a funnel; a strainer funnel; a sick room warming pan, and a pint measure. These eight different uses makes the dipper such a necessary article that it sells at nearly every house, as it is so cheap. You can get a sample by sending, as I did, 18 two-cent stamps to pay postage, etc., to W. H. Baird & Co., Station A, Pittsburgh, Pa., and they will mail you a dipper, and you can go right to work. Anyone can make \$3 or \$4 a day anywhere. A READER.

### NORFOLK MARKET.

REPORTED WEEKLY BY

**SAVAGE, SON & CO.,**  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
NORFOLK, VA., Nov. 25, 1896.

COTTON STEADY.

Good Middling.....  
S. L. Middling.....  
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PEANUTS STEADY.

Fancy.....  
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Prime.....  
Spanish.....  
B. E. Peas per bag \$1.50.  
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WATCHES AND FINE JEWELRY

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A FULL LINE OF THE

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EYE-SIGHT TESTED FREE.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

## ATTEMPTED ARSON.

Nothing Like it Here Before.

Perhaps in the history of Scotland Neck from the time of the survey of the town, now more than a quarter of a century ago, there has not been a more dastardly attempt at crime than on last Thursday night. In every community there are persons to whom the mind of every one turns as the last one against whom any man, however wicked, would point a shaft of evil. In Scotland Neck Dr. W. O. McDowell is one of those persons. And yet an attempt was made last Thursday night to burn his dwelling.

About 9:30 o'clock, Mr. C. L. McDowell, Dr. McDowell's oldest son, went on the back porch, and saw some one standing in the back yard not far from the door. He spoke to the man in the yard who bounded away through the moonlight. Upon investigation it was found that splinters and matches were prepared, the wood on the back porch and door-steps had been saturated with kerosene oil, and thus sure preparations had been made to burn the house.

Messengers were at once sent for blood-hounds from the State farm near Tillery. The hounds were brought and put on the track of the incendiary intent and the track was followed around Hassell's old shop, through an open lot near Mr. E. E. Powell's store, across Greenwood street by the dwelling of Mr. J. H. Hopkins, down by the knitting mill, around by the race track and back to 13th street near the Brick Mill, where it was evident from tracks that the person got on a buggy and drove away. At this point the hounds lost the trail. They were taken back to the house and put on the same trail again, and they went over the same ground again and lost it at the same place.

Dr. McDowell would be the last man in town to be suspected of having an enemy. There is no clue as to who made the attempt to burn his house, and the whole thing is shrouded in mystery. The affair created quite a sensation.

### Superior Court.

Superior court is in session in Halifax this week, Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson presiding. The following is a list of the grand jury:

C. H. Hale, foreman; Bug Parker, A. M. Southall, T. W. Myrick, J. B. Dickens, J. R. Johnson, B. F. Moore, J. H. Overstreet, W. T. Jenkins, W. S. Hockaday, T. H. Taylor, Richard Morris, Robert Gary, J. B. Dickens, J. B. Gray, R. W. Harrison, E. S. Sledge, T. B. Browning and J. B. Dickens.

JUDGE MADE NO CHARGE.

After the jury was called and sworn, Judge Robinson stated that inasmuch as all criminal matters would be transferred from this to the Criminal court which holds session two weeks hence, he would deliver no charge. He instructed the foreman to appoint a committee to visit the jail and county home and report on the condition of the same. Solicitor Daniel suggested that the grand jury could appoint the visiting committee, so that they could report and be discharged before night.

The civil docket had forty cases, a number of which were continued, some non-suited and some marked for trial.

### ATTORNEYS PRESENT.

Attorneys present at opening of court were: Solicitor W. E. Daniel, W. H. Day, D. Bell, R. O. Burton, W. A. Dunn, Claude Kitchin, J. M. Grizzard, E. L. Travis, T. N. Hill, Howard Alston, Norwood Hill, Mack Ferguson, F. D. Winston, of Windsor, and Mr. Calvert, of Jackson.

An interesting injunction case came up Tuesday. Some time ago Judge Robinson set Tuesday to hear the arguments in the injunction against the lease of the North Carolina railroad. The case came up Tuesday, Judge Allen, Mess. R. O. Burton, and Mr. Clark of New Bern appearing in the support of the injunction, Capt. Day, Judge McRae, W. T. Purnell, and Mess. Stephenson and Thomas of New Bern appearing for the corporation.

The matter was postponed until Friday of next week when the case will come up again before Judge Robinson at Craven court.

An interesting suit between Mr. Aringdale of Virginia and the Enfield Lumber Co. came up Tuesday also. It involves \$5,000, and has not been settled.

Quite a number of able counselors appeared in the case, among whom was Judge Conner of Wilson.

### The Best Way to Cure.

Disease is to establish health. Pure, rich blood means good health. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier. It tones up the whole system, gives appetite and strength and causes weakness, nervousness to disappear. No other medicine has such a record of wonderful cures as Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pill; assist digestion, prevent constipation. 25c.

Don't dally with rheumatism. Purify your blood and cure it at once by taking a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

JOHN'S CURE FOR  
RHEUMATISM  
Cures in 24 hours. No matter how long it has been on you. Sold by druggists.

## WHOM TO PATRONIZE.

Our Norfolk Advertisers.

THE COMMONWEALTH always receives pleasant considerations from the business men of Norfolk. We spent a day in that city last week, and we found business good and prospects for improvement. The business men of Norfolk find THE COMMONWEALTH a good medium through which to reach the people of Scotland Neck and community.

JOHN O. GAMAGE.

Mr. John O. Gamage, who has for years kept a card in this paper, discontinued it some months ago; but his business relations with Scotland Neck are such that he renews it and is glad to keep in touch with our people in this way. The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH has this year used well piping from Mr. Gamage's yards and Mr. P. E. Smith who assisted in placing it said it was the finest he had ever seen. Any transaction you may have with Mr. Gamage will be satisfactory.

KERN FURNITURE CO.

These gentlemen also renew their ad. in THE COMMONWEALTH after having discontinued for awhile. They say they have a good trade from this section, and we know personally of purchases that some of our readers have made from them and found them pleasant dealers. They have plenty of pretty furniture and other things which our readers would do well to consider when in need of anything in their line. Mail orders are as carefully filled as if you were buying in person.

J. P. ANDERSON & CO.

Mr. Anderson is anxious to do business with the people of Scotland Neck and so renews his ad. after having discontinued for awhile. He is clever and obliging and treats his customers well. We have been advertising for him for several years and have found him pleasant in his dealings and we bespeak the same for any of our readers who give him their trade.

A. S. FOREMAN.

Mr. Foreman is a new advertiser in our columns, but having lived in North Carolina for a number of years he feels attached to the State's interests and would take special pains to make any deal with him profitable to any and all of our readers. When you have anything to ship in his line give him a trial and you will be pleased with the transaction.

POWELL BROS.

These gentlemen say that they believe newspaper advertising is a good advantage to commission merchants and so they are not slow to avail themselves of this good medium through which to draw business. They are doing a good commission business and though new advertisers in our columns we heartily commend them to our readers and assure them that these new friends are clever and first-class gentlemen in every way.

S. L. SEARS.

If you ride a wheel you will be interested in Mr. Sears' ad. The repairing he does is first-class in every way. He keeps employed a corps of good mechanics who are fully up to the hour in bicycle repairs. What you want in the way of purchases and repairs in wheels Mr. Sears will furnish you promptly and at low rates.

A. B. WALKER.

If you want a beautiful portrait of yourself or friend you can get it from Mr. Walker. He has employed a number of the best of artists and they do first-class work. We saw their work and we take pleasure in commending it. It is well finished and at much lower prices than you could get it done north. We know Mr. Walker personally, and he is a clever, upright gentleman. He advertises for agents in Scotland Neck and community, and anyone wishing to take his agency would do well to call upon us. We can help you start with him.

J. S. GROVES CO.

Mr. Groves is a native of North Carolina, born in New Hanover county, and is interested in all North Carolinians. He does a large fruit business both in Norfolk and New York, and our readers can make no mistake in dealing with him. He is clever and obliging. Mr. Groves is brother to Mr. H. M. Groves, cashier of the National Bank of New Bern. We commend

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ROCKLAND LIME, CEMENT, SEWER AND WELL PIPE,

Drain Tile, Chimney Pipe, Coal and Lime,

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him to the confidence of our readers.

MR. TAYLOR'S STUDIO.

If you want your photograph or any work in this line when you go to Norfolk call on Mr. Taylor. He spent about two months of last year in Scotland Neck in the business and his work gave satisfaction there. He is better fitted up in Norfolk and will be glad to serve his North Carolina friends when in the city.

COLUMBIA BUSINESS COLLEGE.

A business education is what every young man needs who can possibly avail himself of the opportunity. This school offers fine inducements, such that any young man desiring to take such a course will find attractive. President Le May is clever and talented in his profession and will give fine instruction at low rates. He opened his school in September and came well recommended by the National Penn Art Hall and Business College of Delaware, Ohio. His fine success thus far has sustained his reputation and that of his assistants.

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When you take Hood's Pills. The big, old-fashioned, sugar-coated pills, which tear you all to pieces, are not in it with Hood's. Easy to take

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### NOTICE.

I will sell for cash at public auction, in the town of Scotland Neck, on the 5th day of December, 1896, one good log cart and chains in good running order, one new improved Deering Mower, one Walking Cultivator, two or three good horses, two Jersey cows, one Holstein and Jersey bull, one good corn and cob crusher, sheep, hogs and farming implements.

W. M. GRAY,  
Nov. 25, 1896. 11 26 2t

**Wanted—An Idea**  
Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth. Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C. We will give \$1,000 to the inventor of a new and useful idea.

### PERSONAL.

FREE—64-page medical reference book to any person afflicted with any special, chronic or delicate disease peculiar to their sex. Address the leading physicians and surgeons of the United States, Dr. Hathaway & Co., 224 South Broad street, Atlanta, Ga.

### THE NEW HOOK SPOON FREE TO ALL.

I read in the Christian Standard that Miss A. M. Fritz, Station A, St. Louis, Mo., would give an elegant plated hook spoon to anyone sending her ten 2-cent stamps. I send for one and found it is useful that I showed it to my friends, and made \$13.00 in two hours taking orders for the spoon. The hook spoon is a household necessity. It cannot slip into the dish or cooking vessel being held in the place by a hook on the back. The spoon is something housekeepers have needed ever since spoons were first invented. Anyone can get a sample spoon by sending ten 2-cent stamps to Miss Fritz. This is a splendid way to make money around home.

Very truly,  
Jeanette S.

### A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

I have made \$1,640 clear money in 87 days and attended to my household duties besides, and I think is doing splendidly for a woman inexperienced in business. Anyone can sell what everyone wants to buy, and every family wants a Dish Washer. I don't canvass at all; people come or send for the washer, and every washer that goes out sells two or three more, as they do the work to perfection. You can wash and dry the dishes in two minutes. I am going to devote my whole time to this business now and I am sure I can clear \$5,000 a year. My sister and brother have started in the business and are doing splendidly. You can get complete instructions and hundreds of testimonials by addressing the Iron City Dish Washer Co., Station A, Pittsburgh, Pa., and if you don't make lots of money it's your own fault.

Mrs. W. H.

### New and Pretty Silverware

We have just received the largest and handsomest shipment of silverware we ever offered to our customers. Handsome Pickle Dishes; Orange, Coffee and Berry Spoons; Oyster, Fruit and Meat Forks; Tomatoes, Jelly and Cake Servers; Sugar Tongues; Cream, Gravy, Oyster and Soup Ladles, with many other pretty things.

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## ENFIELD WAREHOUSE,

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## For the sale and purchase of Leaf Tobacco,

NOW READY FOR THE 1896 CROP.

We have a good Corps of liberal buyers with orders sufficient to take, at its full market value, all tobacco that may be placed on our market. We have a commodious, well lighted and arranged WAREHOUSE for showing fine tobacco to the best possible advantage. Large orders, ample capital, long experience enables us to guarantee at all times

THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE FOR EVERY PILE OF TOBACCO PLACED ON OUR FLOOR.

SO LOAD UP and drive straight to the Enfield Warehouse and you will make no mistake.

BURWELL & COLE,  
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## The Leading

## DRY GOODS,

## Clothing and Shoe House

IN SCOTLAND NECK!!

Again we have received a tremendous stock of Fall and Winter Goods, in fact so large that we were compelled to give out contract for another building 40x75 feet to hold them. If there was not another store in Scotland Neck we could furnish you everything you need and thereby save you money every year.

## OUR STOCK

includes everything needed to clothe the outer and sustain the inner man. When you fail to find what you want in our store you are hard to suit.

WE HANDLE NOTHING BUT RELIABLE GOODS AND SELL THEM AT REASONABLE PRICES. CALL ON US FOR DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, HATS AND CAPS, CLOTHING, SHOES, UMBRELLAS, CROCKERY, LOUNGERS GLASSWARE, TINWARE, WOODWARE, HARDWARE, TRUNKS AND TRAVELING BAGS, AND GROCERIES.

## FURNITURE!

Lace Curtains and Curtain Poles, Carpets and Floor Oil Cloth.

If you want the best Shoes for Ladies call for Zeigler Bros., and for men we have Reynolds's the best known shoe in America.

## Clothing. Clothing.

Our Clothing Stock is immense and we can sell you good all-wool Men's Suits from \$2.50 up and Children's Suits from 85c to as fine as you want them. Call and see our stock before you purchase elsewhere and we will save you money.

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